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In re Application of: Daniel J. McKernan et al.

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR FIXING A GRAFT
IN A BONE TUNNEL

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Sir:

RESPONSE

This is in response to the outstanding Official Action in
the above-identified application, in which the Examiner indicated
that the application contains claims directed to the following
patentably distinct species of the claimed invention:

Specie 1: Fig. 42;

Specie 2: Figs. 43 and 44;

Specie 3: Fig. 45;

Specie 4: Figs. 46 and 47; and

Specie 5: Fig. 48.

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In response, Applicants hereby elect, without prejudice, to prosecute the invention of Specie 2, Figs. 43 and 44.

Claims 1-11 and 18-22 are believed to be readable on the elected species.

Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute all non-elected subject matter in related applications.

Respectfully submitted,

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